

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

June 14, 2018

Mr. Jay Reyna, Safety Director
Wheeler Farms Headquarters – 1502017
4813 Calloway Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312

Citation No. 03_12_18C_019
Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level Violation
For April 2018

Dear Mr. Reyna:

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Wheeler Farms Headquarters (hereinafter "Water System") public water system.

The Water System will be billed at the State Water Resources Control Board's (hereinafter "State Water Board"), hourly rate for the time spent on issuing this Citation. California Health and Safety Code, (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116577, provides that a public water system must reimburse the State Water Board for actual costs incurred by the State Water Board for specified enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation. At this time, the State Water Board has spent approximately one and one-half hours on enforcement activities associated with this violation.

The Water System will receive a bill sent from the State Water Board in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on the Water System for the current fiscal year.

Any person who is aggrieved by a citation, order or decision issued under authority delegated to an officer or employee of the state board under Article 8 (commencing with CHSC, Section 116625) or Article 9 (commencing with CHSC, Section 116650), of the Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4), may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of the citation, order or decision. Appendix 1 to the enclosed Citation contains the relevant statutory provisions for filing a petition for reconsideration (CHSC, Section 116701).

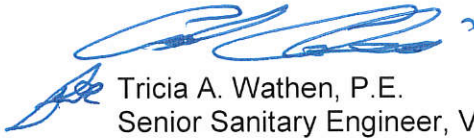
Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the issuance of the citation, order or decision by the officer or employee of the state board. The date of issuance is the date when the Division of Drinking Water mails a copy of the citation, order or decision. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day by 5:00 p.m.

Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Shawn Demmers of my staff at (559) 447-3136.

Sincerely,



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DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

District webpage: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/districts/visalia_district.shtml

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Enclosures

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cc: Kern County Environmental Health Department (w/o appendices)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Name of Public Water System: Wheeler Farms Headquarters

Water System No: 1502017

Attention: Jay Reyna, Safety Director

4813 Calloway Drive

Bakersfield, CA 93312

Issued: June 14, 2018

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 116555(a)(1) AND
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64426.1

TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION

April 2018

The California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116650 authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "State Water Board"), to issue a citation to a public water system when the State Water Board determines that the public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued or adopted thereunder.

1 The State Water Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter
2 "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division, hereby issues Citation No. 03_12_18C_019
3 (hereinafter "Citation"), pursuant to Section 116650 of the CHSC to the Wheeler Farms
4 Headquarters (hereinafter "Water System"), for violation of CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and
5 California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"), Title 22, Section 64426.1.

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7 A copy of the applicable statutes and regulations are included in Appendix 1, which is attached
8 hereto and incorporated by reference.

10 STATEMENT OF FACTS

11 The Water System is classified as a non-transient non-community water system with a population
12 of approximately 25 persons, served through 10 service connections. The Water System is using
13 one groundwater source to supply potable water to the distribution system: Well No. 01.

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15 CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) requires all public water systems to comply with primary drinking
16 water standards as defined in CHSC, Section 116275(c). Primary drinking water standards
17 include maximum levels of contaminants and the monitoring and reporting requirements as
18 specified in regulations adopted by the State Water Board that pertain to maximum contaminant
19 levels.

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21 CCR, Title 22, Section 64426.1, Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (hereinafter "MCL"),
22 states that a public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL if it collects fewer than
23 40 bacteriological samples per month and if more than one sample collected during any month is
24 total coliform-positive.

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26 The Water System is required to collect a minimum of one (1) distribution system bacteriological
27 sample per month. The State Water Board received laboratory results for four (4) bacteriological
28 samples collected during April 2018 from the Water System. All samples were analyzed for the

1 presence of total coliform bacteria. Two (2) of the four (4) samples analyzed were positive for total
2 coliform bacteria. None of the total coliform positive samples showed the presence of *Escherichia*
3 *coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria. All water samples for coliform bacteria are summarized in Appendix 2 and
4 3.

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6 Pursuant to the Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule (FRTCR), a Level 2 Assessment is triggered
7 whenever a water system has a minimum of two Level 1 Treatment Technique (TT) triggers within
8 a 12-month period. The Water System had another Level 1 TT in June of 2017 for failing the Total
9 Coliform MCL. The State Water Board began implementing the FRTCR on April 1, 2016.
10 Accordingly, a Level 2 assessment was conducted by State Water Board staff on April 25, 2018,
11 a copy of the assessment and the State Water Board's letter to the Water System is included in
12 Appendix 4. The Water System complied with the corrective action item listed in the State Water
13 Board's assessment and provided documentation (see Appendix 5).

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15 Public notification to the customers of the Water System was conducted accordingly for the
16 failures in April 2018. Copies of the notices and proofs of notification forms are included in
17 Appendices 6 and 7.

18 19 DETERMINATION

20 The Water System took fewer than 40 bacteriological samples during April 2018. The results of
21 two (2) samples were total coliform positive. Therefore, the State Water Board has determined
22 that the Water System has failed to comply with drinking water standards pursuant to CHSC,
23 Section 116555(a)(1) and CCR, Title 22, Section 64426.1 during April 2018.

24 25 DIRECTIVES

26 The Wheeler Farms Headquarters completed the necessary public notification on May 9, 2018,
27 and corrected the action item from the State Water Board's Level 2 assessment, pursuant to CCR,
28 Title 22, Section 64426.1. No other directives are necessary at this time.

All submittals required by this Citation shall be electronically submitted to the State Water Board at the following address. The subject line for all electronic submittals corresponding to this citation shall include the following information: Water System name and number, citation number and title of the document being submitted.

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The State Water Board reserves the right to make modifications to this Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves the Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Water System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the Water System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the State Water Board to: issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the State Water Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board, and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board. The State Water Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.



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DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS BRANCH

6-14-2018

Date

Appendices (7):

1. Applicable Statutes and Regulations
2. Summary of Distribution Bacteriological Samples
3. Summary of Source Bacteriological Samples
4. Level 2 assessment document
5. Water System response to Level 2 assessment
6. Public Notice for April 2018
7. Proof of Notification Form for April 2018



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**APPENDIX 1. Applicable Statutes and Regulations for
Citation No. 03_12_18C_019
Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level Violation**

NOTE: The following language is provided for the convenience of the recipient, and cannot be relied upon as the State of California's representation of the law. The published codes are the only official representation of the law. Regulations related to drinking water are in Titles 22 and 17 of the California Code of Regulations. Statutes related to drinking water are in the Health & Safety Code, the Water Code, and other codes.

California Health and Safety Code (CHSC):

Section 116271. Transition of CDPH duties to State Board states in relevant part

(a) The state board succeeds to and is vested with all of the authority, duties, powers, purposes, functions, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Health, its predecessors, and its director for purposes of all of the following:

- (1) The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act (Article 3 (commencing with Section 100825) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 101).
- (2) Article 3 (commencing with Section 106875) of Chapter 4 of Part 1.
- (3) Article 1 (commencing with Section 115825) of Chapter 5 of Part 10.
- (4) This chapter and the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997 (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 116760)).
- (5) Article 2 (commencing with Section 116800), Article 3 (commencing with Section 116825), and Article 4 (commencing with Section 116875) of Chapter 5.
- (6) Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 116975).
- (7) The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Division 43 (commencing with Section 75001) of the Public Resources Code).
- (8) The Water Recycling Law (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 13500) of Division 7 of the Water Code).
- (9) Chapter 7.3 (commencing with Section 13560) of Division 7 of the Water Code.
- (10) The California Safe Drinking Water Bond Law of 1976 (Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 13850) of Division 7 of the Water Code).
- (11) Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act (Division 20.5 (commencing with Section 73500) of the Water Code).
- (12) Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Division 26.5 (commencing with Section 79500) of the Water Code).

(b) The state board shall maintain a drinking water program and carry out the duties, responsibilities, and functions described in this section. Statutory reference to "department," "state department," or "director" regarding a function transferred to the state board shall refer to the state board. This section does not impair the authority of a local health officer to enforce this chapter or a county's election not to enforce this chapter, as provided in Section 116500...

(k)

(1) The state board shall appoint a deputy director who reports to the executive director to oversee the issuance and enforcement of public water system permits and other duties as appropriate. The deputy director shall have public health expertise.

(2) The deputy director is delegated the state board's authority to provide notice, approve notice content, approve emergency notification plans, and take other action pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116450), to issue, renew, reissue, revise, amend, or deny any public water system permits pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 116525), to suspend or revoke any public water system permit pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625), and to issue citations, assess penalties, or issue orders pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650). Decisions and actions of the deputy director taken pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116450) or Article 7 (commencing with Section 116525) are deemed decisions and actions taken by the state board, but are not subject to reconsideration by the state board except as provided in Section 116540. Decisions and actions of the deputy director taken pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625) and Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650) are deemed decisions and actions taken by the state board, but any aggrieved person may petition the state board for reconsideration of the decision or action. This subdivision is not a limitation on the state board's authority to delegate any other powers and duties.

Section 116275. Definitions states in relevant part:

(c) "Primary drinking water standards" means:

(1) Maximum levels of contaminants that, in the judgment of the state board, may have an adverse effect on the health of persons.

(2) Specific treatment techniques adopted by the state board in lieu of maximum contaminant levels pursuant to subdivision (j) of Section 116365.

(3) The monitoring and reporting requirements as specified in regulations adopted by the state board that pertain to maximum contaminant levels.

Section 116555. Operational requirements states in relevant part:

- (a) Any person who owns a public water system shall ensure that the system does all of the following:
 - (1) Complies with primary and secondary drinking water standards.
 - (2) Will not be subject to backflow under normal operating conditions.
 - (3) Provides a reliable and adequate supply of pure, wholesome, healthful, and potable water.

Section 116577. Enforcement fee states:

(a) Each public water system shall reimburse the state board for actual costs incurred by the state board for any of the following enforcement activities related to that water system:

- (1) Preparing, issuing, and monitoring compliance with, an order or a citation.
- (2) Preparing and issuing public notification.
- (3) Conducting a hearing pursuant to Section 116625.

(b) The state board shall submit an invoice for these enforcement costs to the public water system that requires payment before September 1 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the costs were incurred. The invoice shall indicate the total hours expended, the reasons for the expenditure, and the hourly cost rate of the state board. The costs set forth in the invoice shall not exceed the total actual costs to the state board of enforcement activities specified in this section.

(c) Notwithstanding the reimbursement of enforcement costs of the local primacy agency pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 116595 by a public water system under the jurisdiction of the local primacy agency, a public water system shall also reimburse enforcement costs, if any, incurred by the state board pursuant to this section.

(d) "Enforcement costs," as used in this section, does not include "litigation costs" pursuant to Section 116585.

(e) The state board shall not be entitled to enforcement costs pursuant to this section if a court determines that enforcement activities were in error.

(f) Payment of the invoice shall be made within 90 days of the date of the invoice. Failure to pay the invoice within 90 days shall result in a 10-percent late penalty that shall be paid in addition to the invoiced amount.

(g) The state board may, at its sole discretion, waive payment by a public water system of all or any part of the invoice or penalty.

Section 116625. Revocation and suspension of permits states:

(a) The state board, after providing notice to the permittee and opportunity for a hearing, may suspend or revoke any permit issued pursuant to this chapter if the state board determines pursuant to the hearing that the permittee is not complying with the permit, this chapter, or any regulation, standard, or order issued or adopted thereunder, or that the permittee has made a false statement or representation on any application, record, or report maintained or submitted for purposes of compliance with this chapter. If the permittee does not request a hearing within the period specified in the notice, the state board may suspend or revoke the permit without a hearing. If the permittee submits a timely request for a hearing, the hearing shall be before the state board or a member of the state board, in accordance with Section 183 of the Water Code and the rules for adjudicative proceedings adopted under Section 185 of the Water Code. If the permit at issue has been temporarily suspended pursuant to subdivision (b), the notice shall be provided within 15 days of the effective date of the temporary suspension order. The commencement of the hearing under this subdivision shall be as soon as practicable, but no later than 60 days after the effective date of the temporary suspension order, unless the state board grants an extension of the 60 day period upon request of the permittee.

(b) The state board may temporarily suspend any permit issued pursuant to this chapter before any hearing when the action is necessary to prevent an imminent or substantial danger to health. The state board shall notify the permittee of the temporary suspension and the effective date of the temporary suspension and, at the same time, notify the permittee that a hearing has been scheduled. The hearing shall be held as soon as possible, but not later than 15 days after the effective date of the temporary suspension unless the state board grants an extension of the 15 day period upon request of the permittee, and shall deal only with the issue of whether the temporary suspension shall remain in place pending a hearing under subdivision (a). The hearing shall be conducted under the rules for adjudicative proceedings adopted by the state board under Section 185 of the Water Code. The temporary suspension shall remain in effect until the hearing under this subdivision is completed and the state board has made a final determination on the temporary suspension, which shall be made within 15 days after the completion of the hearing unless the state board grants an extension of the 15 day period upon request of the permittee. If the determination is not transmitted within 15 days after the hearing is completed, or any extension of this period requested by the permittee, the temporary suspension shall be of no further effect. Dissolution of the temporary suspension does not deprive the state board of jurisdiction to proceed with a hearing on the merits under subdivision (a).

Section 116650. Citations states:

(a) If the state board determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the state board may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

- (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.
- (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.
- (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).
- (e) The state board may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation and shall be in addition to any liability or penalty imposed under any other law.

Section 116701. Petitions to Orders and Decisions states:

- (a)
 - (1) Within 30 days of issuance of an order or decision under authority delegated to an officer or employee of the state board under Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625) or Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650), an aggrieved person may petition the state board for reconsideration.
 - (2) Within 30 days of issuance of an order or decision under authority delegated to an officer or employee of the state board under Section 116540, the applicant may petition the state board for reconsideration.
 - (3) Within 30 days of final action by an officer or employee of the state board acting under delegated authority, the owner of a laboratory that was the subject of the final action may petition the state board for reconsideration of any of the following actions:
 - (A) Denial of an application for certification or accreditation under Section 100855.
 - (B) Issuance of an order directing compliance under Section 100875.
 - (C) Issuance of a citation under Section 100880.
 - (D) Assessment of a penalty under subdivision (e) of Section 100880.
- (b) The petition shall include the name and address of the petitioner, a copy of the order or decision for which the petitioner seeks reconsideration, identification of the reason the petitioner alleges the issuance of the order was inappropriate or improper, the specific action the petitioner requests, and other information as the state board may prescribe. The petition shall be accompanied by a statement of points and authorities of the legal issues raised by the petition.
- (c) The evidence before the state board shall consist of the record before the officer or employee who issued the order or decision and any other relevant evidence that, in the judgment of the state board, should be considered to implement the policies of this chapter. The state board may, in its discretion, hold a hearing for receipt of additional evidence.
- (d) The state board may refuse to reconsider the order or decision if the petition fails to raise substantial issues that are appropriate for review, may deny the petition upon a determination that the issuance of the order or decision was appropriate and proper, may set aside or modify the order or decision, or take other appropriate action. The state board's action pursuant to this subdivision shall constitute the state board's completion of its reconsideration.
- (e) The state board, upon notice and hearing, if a hearing is held, may stay in whole or in part the effect of the order or decision subject to the petition for reconsideration.
- (f) If an order or decision is subject to reconsideration under this section, the filing of a petition for reconsideration is an administrative remedy that must be exhausted before filing a petition for writ of mandate under Section 100920.5 or 116700.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22 (CCR):

Section 64421. General Requirements states:

- (a) Each water supplier shall:
 - (1) Develop a routine sample siting plan as required in section 64422;
 - (2) Collect routine, repeat and replacement samples as required in Sections 64423, 64424, and 64425;
 - (3) Have all samples analyzed by laboratories approved to perform those analyses by the State Board and report results as required in section 64423.1;
 - (4) Notify the State Board when there is an increase in coliform bacteria in bacteriological samples as required in section 64426; and
 - (5) Comply with the Maximum Contaminant Level as required in section 64426.1.
- (b) Water suppliers shall perform additional bacteriological monitoring as follows:
 - (1) After construction or repair of wells;
 - (2) After main installation or repair;
 - (3) After construction, repair, or maintenance of storage facilities; and
 - (4) After any system pressure loss to less than five psi. Samples collected shall represent the water quality in the affected portions of the system.

Section 64426.1. Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) states in relevant part:

- (b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL when any of the following occurs:
 - (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per month, more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any month are total coliform-positive; or
 - (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month, more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive; or
 - (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or

- (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive routine sample is total coliform-positive.
- (c) If a public water system is not in compliance with paragraphs (b)(1) through (4), during any month in which it supplies water to the public, the water supplier shall notify the State Board by the end of the business day on which this is determined, unless the determination occurs after the State Board office is closed, in which case the supplier shall notify the State Board within 24 hours of the determination. The water supplier shall also notify the consumers served by the water system. A Tier 2 Public Notice shall be given for violations of paragraph (b)(1) or (2), pursuant to section 64463.4. A Tier 1 Public Notice shall be given for violations of paragraph (b)(3) or (4), pursuant to section 64463.1.

Section 64463. General Public Notification Requirements states:

- (a) Each public (community, nontransient-noncommunity and transient-noncommunity) water system shall give public notice to persons served by the water system pursuant to this article.
- (b) Each water system required to give public notice shall submit the notice to the State Board, in English, for approval prior to distribution or posting, unless otherwise directed by the State Board.
- (c) Each wholesaler shall give public notice to the owner or operator of each of its retailer systems. A retailer is responsible for providing public notice to the persons it serves. If the retailer arranges for the wholesaler to provide the notification, the retailer shall notify the State Board prior to the notice being given.
- (d) Each water system that has a violation of any of the regulatory requirements specified in section 64463.1(a), 64463.4(a), or 64463.7(a) in a portion of the distribution system that is physically or hydraulically isolated from other parts of the distribution system may limit distribution of the notice to only persons served by that portion of the system that is out of compliance, if the State Board has granted written approval on the basis of a review of the water system and the data leading to the violation or occurrence for which notice is being given.
- (e) Each water system shall give new customers public notice of any acute violation as specified in section 64463.1(a) that occurred within the previous thirty days, any continuing violation, the existence of a variance or exemption, and/or any other ongoing occurrence that the State Board has determined poses a potential risk of adverse effects on human health [based on a review of estimated exposures and toxicological data associated with the contaminant(s)] and requires a public notice. Notice to new customers shall be given as follows:
- (1) Community water systems shall give a copy of the most recent public notice prior to or at the time service begins; and
 - (2) Noncommunity water systems shall post the most recent public notice in conspicuous locations for as long as the violation, variance, exemption, or other occurrence continues.

Section 64463.4. Tier 2 Public Notice states:

- (a) A water system shall give public notice pursuant to this section if any of the following occurs:
- (1) Any violation of the MCL, MRDL, and treatment technique requirements, except:
 - (A) Where a Tier 1 public notice is required under section 64463.1; or
 - (B) Where the State Board determines that a Tier 1 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;
 - (2) All violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements in sections 64421 through 64426.1, article 3 (Primary Standards – Bacteriological Quality), for which the State Board determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;
 - (3) Other violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements in this chapter, and chapters 15.5, 17 and 17.5, for which the State Board determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations; or
 - (4) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any variance or exemption in place.
- (b) A water system shall give the notice as soon as possible within 30 days after it learns of a violation or occurrence specified in subsection (a), except that the water system may request an extension of up to 60 days for providing the notice. This extension would be subject to the State Board's written approval based on the violation or occurrence having been resolved and the State Board's determination that public health and welfare would in no way be adversely affected. In addition, the water system shall:
- (1) Maintain posted notices in place for as long as the violation or occurrence continues, but in no case less than seven days;
 - (2) Repeat the notice every three months as long as the violation or occurrence continues. Subject to the State Board's written approval based on its determination that public health would in no way be adversely affected, the water system may be allowed to notice less frequently but in no case less than once per year. No allowance for reduced frequency of notice shall be given in the case of a total coliform MCL violation or violation of a Chapter 17 treatment technique requirement; and
 - (3) For turbidity violations pursuant to sections 64652.5(c)(2) and 64653(c), (d) and (f), as applicable, a water system shall consult with the State Board as soon as possible within 24 hours after the water system learns of the violation to determine whether a Tier 1 public notice is required. If consultation does not take place within 24 hours, the water system shall give Tier 1 public notice within 48 hours after learning of the violation.
- (c) A water system shall deliver the notice, in a manner designed to reach persons served, within the required time period as follows:

(1) Unless otherwise directed by the State Board in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects on public health and welfare, community water systems shall give public notice by:

(A) Mail or direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill including those that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., schools or school systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to which water is delivered by the water system; and

(B) Use of one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):

1. Publication in a local newspaper;
2. Posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system, or on the Internet; or
3. Delivery to community organizations.

(2) Unless otherwise directed by the State Board in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects on public health and welfare, noncommunity water systems shall give the public notice by:

(A) Posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system; and

(B) Using one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a public posting:

1. Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers;
2. E-mail message to employees or students;
3. Posting on the Internet or intranet; or
4. Direct delivery to each customer.

Section 64465. Public Notice Content and Format states in relevant part:

(a) Each public notice given pursuant to this article, except Tier 3 public notices for variances and exemptions pursuant to subsection (b), shall contain the following:

- (1) A description of the violation or occurrence, including the contaminant(s) of concern, and (as applicable) the contaminant level(s);
- (2) The date(s) of the violation or occurrence;
- (3) Any potential adverse health effects from the violation or occurrence, including the appropriate standard health effects language from appendices 64465-A through G;
- (4) The population at risk, including subpopulations particularly vulnerable if exposed to the contaminant in drinking water;
- (5) Whether alternative water supplies should be used;
- (6) What actions consumers should take, including when they should seek medical help, if known;
- (7) What the water system is doing to correct the violation or occurrence;
- (8) When the water system expects to return to compliance or resolve the occurrence;
- (9) The name, business address, and phone number of the water system owner, operator, or designee of the water system as a source of additional information concerning the public notice;
- (10) A statement to encourage the public notice recipient to distribute the public notice to other persons served, using the following standard language: —Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this public notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail; and
- (11) For a water system with a monitoring and testing procedure violation, this language shall be included: "We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During [compliance period dates], we ['did not monitor or test' or 'did not complete all monitoring or testing'] for [contaminant(s)], and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time." ...

(c) A public water system providing notice pursuant to this article shall comply with the following multilingual-related requirements:

(2) For a Tier 2 or Tier 3 public notice:

(A) The notice shall contain information in Spanish regarding the importance of the notice, or contain a telephone number or address where Spanish-speaking residents may contact the public water system to obtain a translated copy of the notice or assistance in Spanish; and

(B) When a non-English speaking group other than Spanish-speaking exceeds 1,000 residents or 10 percent of the residents served by the public water system, the notice shall include:

1. Information in the appropriate language(s) regarding the importance of the notice; or
2. A telephone number or address where such residents may contact the public water system to obtain a translated copy of the notice or assistance in the appropriate language; and

(3) For a public water system subject to the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act, Chapter 17.5, Division 7, of the Government Code (commencing with section 7290), meeting the requirements of this Article may not ensure compliance with the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act.

(d) Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall:

Bacteriological Distribution Monitoring Report

1502017 Wheeler Farms Headquarters
Distribution System Freq: 1/M

Sample Date	Location	T Coli	E Coli	F Coli	HPC	Type	Cl2	Cl2 Avg	Viol. Type	GWR Satisfied?	Comments
4/19/2018	8357 Sandrini	A	A			Repeat					
4/19/2018	8357 Sandrini	1.0	<1			Repeat			MCL	Yes	Level 2 assessment by SD. MCL in June 2017.
4/19/2018	8361 Sandrini	<1	<1			Repeat					
4/17/2018	8361 Sandrini	P	A			Routine					
3/12/2018	8363 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
2/6/2018	8357 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
1/9/2018	8357 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
12/5/2017	8357 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
11/7/2017	Park HB	A	A			Routine					
10/17/2017	8365 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
9/12/2017	8361 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
8/2/2017	8363 Sadrini	A	A			Routine					
7/5/2017	8357 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
7/5/2017	8363 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
7/5/2017	8361 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
7/5/2017	8365 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					
7/5/2017	Park HB	A	A			Routine					
6/23/2017	Park (HB)	<1	<1			Repeat					
6/23/2017	8357 Wheeler	<1	<1			Repeat					
6/23/2017	8363 Wheeler	<1	<1			Repeat					
6/22/2017	Park HB	<1	<1			Repeat					
6/22/2017	8537 Wheeler	<1	<1			Repeat					
6/22/2017	8363 Wheeler	<1	<1			Repeat					
6/15/2017	Park HB	1.0	<1			Repeat					
6/15/2017	8357 Sandrini HB	3.1	<1			Repeat					
6/15/2017	8363 Sandrini HB	<1	<1			Repeat					
6/14/2017	Park HB	2.0	<1			Repeat					
6/14/2017	8357 Sandrini	2.0	<1			Repeat					
6/14/2017	8363 Sandrini	<1	<1			Repeat					
6/8/2017	Park	7.5	<1			Repeat					
6/8/2017	8357 Sandrini	2.0	<1			Repeat			MCL		8/21/17 Issued Cit 03_12_17C_033.
6/8/2017	8363 Sandrini	2.0	<1			Repeat					
6/6/2017	8357 Sandrini	P	A			Routine					
5/3/2017	8365 Sandrini	A	A			Routine					

Violation Key

MCL	Exceeds Maximum Contaminant Level (L1 RTRC)
MR1	No monthly sample for the report month
MR2	No quarterly sample for the report quarter
MR3	Incorrect number of routine samples for the report month
MR4	Did not collect 5 routine samples for previous month's positive sample
MR5	Incorrect number of repeat samples as follow-up to a positive sample
MR6	No source sample
MR7	No summary report submitted
MR8	Other comments and/or info

GWR	Tier 1 or Tier 2 notification req'd
GR1	GWR M&R violation
L1	Level 1 Trigger RTRC (TCRMCL)
L2a	Level 2-EC+ Routine w/TC+Repeat
L2b	Level 2-TC+ Routine w/EC+ Repeat
L2c	Level 2-EC+ Routine w/No Repeats
L2d	Level 2-Repeat at GWR source monitoring is EC+
L2e	Level 2-Two (2) Level 1 Triggers in a 12-month period

Source Bacteriological Monitoring Report

1502017 Wheeler Farms Headquarters

<i>Sample Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Sample Type</i>	<i>Test Method</i>	<i>T Coli</i>	<i>E Coli</i>	<i>F Coli</i>	<i>HPC</i>	<i>Violation</i>	<i>Comments</i>
4/30/2018		Well 01	Well	MPN	<1	<1				
4/19/2018	8:18	Well 01	Well	MPN	<1	<1				

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

May 18, 2018

Mr. Jay Reyna, Safety Director
Wheeler Farms
System No.: 1502017
4813 Calloway Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312

RE: April 2018 TCR/RTCR MCL Failure – Level 2 Assessment

Dear Mr. Reyna:

On April 20, 2018, the Division was notified that the Wheeler Farms water system (Water System) bacteriological sample results taken on April 18, 2018 were positive for total coliform. These positive results required the Water System to collect confirmation samples within 24 hours of being notified from the laboratory. A confirmation sample was collected on April 19, 2018 and was positive for total coliform, resulting in a TCR/RTCR failure. The Water System's last TCR/RTCR failure was in June of 2017. Two TCR/RTCR failures within 12 calendar months trigger a Level 2 Assessment by the Division.

On April 25, 2018, Mr. Shawn Demmers of the Visalia District conducted an onsite Level 2 Assessment of the Water System with Mr. Jay Reyna of the Water System and Mr. Scott Moore of Seaco Technologies.

Upon completion of the Level 2 Assessment, Division staff identified potential bacteriological contamination locations during the inspection. **Complete the below action items and submit proof of the completion of the correction to the Division via email at dwpdist12@waterboards.ca.gov.** The corrective action items which require attention are:

1. By May 25, 2018, the Water System needs to remove the hose bib connections from the designated sampling taps at each home.

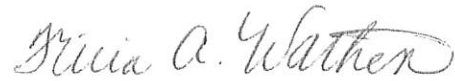
The Level 2 Assessment requires the Water System to submit to the Division within 30 days, a proposed timetable for completing any corrective action that were not completed within the 30 day period. The Water System must notify the Division within 5 business days when each scheduled corrective actions is to be completed. The Division is required to report any water system to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) if the Water System fails to comply with the RTCR and its associated deadlines.

Effective April 1, 2016, the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water (Division) began implementing the Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR). Please visit the following web site for more information regarding the Federal RTCR:

<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/revised-total-coliform-rule-and-total-coliform-rule>

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (559) 447-3300 or Mr. Shawn Demmers at 559-447-3136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tricia A. Wathen".

Tricia A. Wathen, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Visalia District
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

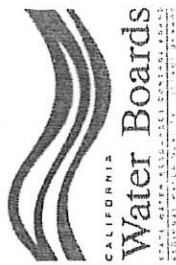
TAW/SRD

Enclosures: US EPA RTRC Level 2 Assessment Form

cc: Kern County Environmental Health Department

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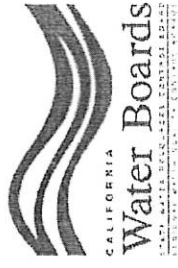
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PWS ID#:		PWS Name: <i>Whetzel Farms</i>				
Primary Operator (print name): <i>Jay Reyna</i>		Phone: <i>661 410 1400 ex. 16</i>				
Assessment trigger date:		Date Assessment Completed: <i>4/25/18</i>				
SEASONAL: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Reason for Assessment: <i>2nd coliform + 1 year</i>				
Assessment Elements		Y	N	N/A	Issue Description	Corrective Action Taken or Planned to be Taken and Date
1. Review of the sample sites						
1.1 Was the sample taken at the routine coliform site?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.2 Was the tap area unsanitary at the time of sampling?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.3 Was this sample taken from an outside faucet?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.4 Was the sample taken from a swivel tap?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.5 Did the tap have a point of use treatment device on it?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.6 Does the building where the sample was taken have a point of entry device?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.7 Has this location undergone any plumbing replacements or repairs?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.8 Are there any possible cross connections around the sample site (including yard hydrants and stock tanks)?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.9 Is this location near a storage tank or dead end?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1.10. Any other sample site issues not previously mentioned?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Review of sample protocol						
2.1 Is the sampler a regular, trained sampler?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>2.3 no 9072 to f</i>	
2.2 Was a laboratory-provided TC sample bottle used?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>2.8 year round 545 km</i>	
2.3 Was the aerator removed?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2.4 Was the water tap flushed for at least 5 minutes?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.5 Was the tap disinfected or flamed?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.6 Did the sample get too warm prior to being placed on ice?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.7 Was there other sampler error? Describe		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.8 If it is a seasonal system, were there any problems during the most recent start-up procedure?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2.9 Any other sample protocol issues not previously mentioned?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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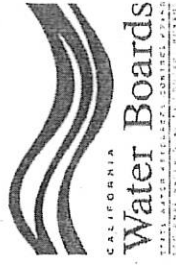
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Assessment Elements	Y			N			N/A			Issue Description	Corrective Action Taken or Planned to be Taken and Date
	Y	N	N/A	Y	N	N/A	Y	N	N/A		
3. Review of the distribution system.											
3.1 Have any mains been recently replaced or service lines recently added?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3 no valves				
3.2 Have fire hydrants or blow offs been recently flushed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2 no calculations				
3.3 Have valves been recently exercised to direct flow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.4 no air relief				
3.4 Any leaks or main breaks noted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3.5 Are all of the backflow prevention devices operational and maintained?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3.6 Was there a total loss of pressure, low pressure (<20 psi) or changes in water pressure? If yes, when?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3.7 Any areas of the distribution with low disinfectant levels (<0.2 mg/L)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
3.8 Any recent pump station failures or repairs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3.9 Air relief valve leaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
3.10 Standing water or debris in valve vault?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3.11 Any recent power loss?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3.12 Any unprotected cross connections (including yard hydrants and stock tanks)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
3.13 Any other distribution issue not previously mentioned?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4. Review of storage tank(s) (Note the specific facility if any issues are found)											
4.1 Is there a presence of animals or insects in the tank(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.1 pressure tank				
4.2 Are there breaches or holes of any sort into tank(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4.3 Is there any presence of animal droppings around openings, vents or overflows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4.4 Is there sediment buildup and floating debris in tank(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
4.5 Have the tank(s) been cleaned within the last 5 years? If not, list when it was last cleaned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.5 tank occasionally flushed				
4.6 Is there a #24 mesh screen installed on vents and overflows?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4.7 Is the #24 mesh screen damaged or not properly installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
4.8 Is the overflow pipe directly connected to a tank drain, sanitary sewer or storm drain?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

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Assessment Elements	Y	N	N/A	Issue Description	Corrective Action Taken or Planned to be Taken and Date
4.9 Does the hatch have a solid, water proof, shoebox type lid that is properly sealed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.10 Was the hatch locked or secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.11 Has the tank been accidentally drained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.12 Have there been high flows through the tank?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.13 Was there high water age in the tank (infrequent water use)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.14 Was the sample taken when the tank was at the low level mark?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.15 Failure or improper operation on tank telemetry/altitude valves/controls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.16 Any recent repairs on the tank(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.17 Was there any power loss?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.18 Was the tank vandalized or subject to tampering?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.19 Any other storage tank issues not previously mentioned above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Review of treatment process (if applicable)					
5.1 Has the treatment been bypassed altogether at any time or have individual processes been interrupted by power outages or other causes? If yes, provide details on when, which processes and for how long?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.2 Have there been any new treatment processes added or new equipment installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.3 Have there been any recent repairs of major unit processes or treatment equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.4 Have there been any changes in the operational procedures used for treating the water such as changes in chemical dosages or changes in coagulant chemicals used? If yes, provide details of the change and when it occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.5 Has a coagulant been added at all times the plant has been filtering water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.6 Have there been changes in raw water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.7 Was the finished water turbidity increasing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.8 Have filter clogging algae caused more frequent backwashing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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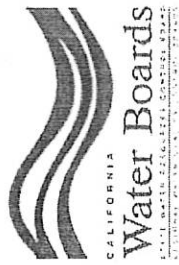
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Assessment Elements	Y N N/A			Issue Description	Corrective Action Taken or Planned to be Taken and Date
	Y	N	N/A		
5.9 Has a disinfectant been added at all times or have there been any failures in adding disinfectant for any length of time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.10 Has there been any vandalism or tampering at the plant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.11 Any other treatment plant issues not previously mentioned above?					
Sources – Well(s)					
6. (Note the specific facility if any issues are found)					
6.1 Is the sanitary seal intact?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.2 Is the well cap defective or damaged or not water tight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.3 Does the vent have a #24 mesh screen?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.4 Is the vent screen damaged or not installed properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.5 Does the vent and pump to waste terminate in an air gap of at least three pipe diameters above the ground?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.6 How is the well used? (Circle if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Primary	
6.7 Are there any unprotected cross connections at the wellhead? Are there any unprotected openings in the pump or pump assembly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.8 Is the pitless adapter damaged?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.9 Is there a missing or damaged grout seal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.10 Has there been any recent work performed on the pump?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.11 Is the wellhead secured to prevent unauthorized access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.12 Have there been any sewer spills, source water spills or other disturbances near the well?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.13 Is the well pit in standing water or evidence of flooding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.14 Any other well issues not previously mentioned above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sources- Spring(s)					
(Note the specific facility if any issues are found)					
6.15 Is there evidence of flooding or infiltration of surface water runoff around the spring?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.16 Is the spring box improperly developed or poorly maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.17 Are there dead animals near the spring?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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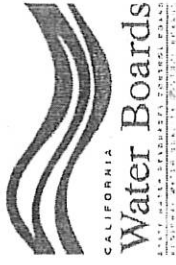
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	Y	N	N/A		
6.18 Any other issues about springs not previously mentioned above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sources-purchased water					
6.19 Water quality issues with supplier?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No water purchased	
6.20 Low disinfectant residual from supplier (typically ≤ 0.02 mg/L)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
6.21 Any other purchased water issues not previously mentioned above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Applicable to all sources					
6.22 Has an unapproved source been used?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.23 Has there been a change in sources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.24 Has there been recent rapid snowmelt, heavy rainfall or flooding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.25 Any evidence of animals near the source?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.26 Have there been algae blooms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.27 Is the source water sample for ground water systems E. coli positive? This may indicate that the positive sample is originating from the source and may be a continuous source of contamination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6.28 Any other source issues not previously mentioned above?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
7. Significant Deficiencies					
7.1 Are there any unaddressed significant deficiencies? This may indicate that the problem is known and is in the process of being remedied. Include approved corrective action date and status of each corrective action.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Additional Comments:

Staff W/Sec mentioned the test was likely coming from source based on experience w/ systems in the surrounding area.

REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE (RTCR) – LEVEL 2 ASSESSMENT

This form is intended to assist public water systems in completing the investigation required by the federal revised Total Coliform Rule (rTCR) [effective April 1, 2016]. Local regulatory agency (LPA) or Division of Drinking Water's District office will complete the Level 2 Assessment. **To avoid a violation, an assessment report must be no later than 30 days after the trigger date.**



Name of SWRCB Division of Drinking Water or LPA representative completing the form (PRINTED): <i>Stanley Demwiler</i>	
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>4/25/18</i>
Water system responsible party (PRINTED): <i>Jay Reyna</i>	Date: <i>4/25/18</i>
Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	

Reserved for Regulatory Agency (DDW / LPA) Review

	Yes	No	Comments
1. Has assessment been successfully completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Likely reason for EC+ occurrence has been found.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. System has corrected the problem.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Corrective Action Approved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

WHEELER FARMS WATER SYSTEM No. 1502017

05/21/2018

State Water Resources Control Board
Visalia District Division

Re: April 2018 TCR/RTCR MCL Failure – Level 2 Assessment

Dear Mr. Shawn Demmers:

We have corrected the action item below:

1. By May 25, 2018, the Water System needs to remove the hose bib connections from the designated sampling taps at each home.

Thank you,

Jay Reyna

Jay Reyna, Safety Director



Date: 7 May 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Por favor hable con alguien que lo pueda traducir.

**Wheeler Farm's water system Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria
Above the Drinking Water Standard**

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took five samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria in April 2018. Two of these samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

The Well has been disinfected with a follow-up sample confirming the well was free from *E. coli* and Coliforms. The problem has been resolved.

For more information call:

Water System Contact: J Reyna at (661) 410-1400.

Water System Operator: Scott Moore at (661) 213-6930.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Wheeler Farm's 1502017.

Date distributed: 8 May 2018.

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION
(Return with copy of the Notice)

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified all users of water supplied by the **Wheeler Farms Headquarters (1502017)** of the failure to meet the **total coliform bacteria MCL** for the month of **April 2018** as directed by the Division. At least one primary distribution method is required: mail or hand-delivery. A second method is also required in order to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):

Notification was made on May 9, 2018
(date)

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts used, please check all items below that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

- ☐ The notice was distributed by mail delivery to each customer served by the water system.
- ☒ The notice was distributed by direct delivery to each customer served by the water system.
Specify direct delivery method(s) used: _____
- ☐ Publication of the notice in a local newspaper or newsletter of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published).
- ☐ Posted the notice at the following conspicuous locations served by the water system (if needed, please attach a list of locations).

- ☐ Posted the notice on the Internet at www. _____
- ☐ Other method used to notify customers. _____

DISCLOSURE: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

Certified by Name and Title: Jay Reyes - Safety Director
Date: May 9, 2018 Signature: [Signature]

Due to the Division of Drinking Water within 10 days of notification to the public
Total Coliform MCL Failure / Enforcement Action No.: In progress